

Mary Lou Terrien

From: Leslie Van Becker <cliffmusic@comcast.net>
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To: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: HB 5232I

Dear House Committee Clerk;

I am writing in reference to HB 5232

I have lived in the Heritage Hill District of Grand Rapids Michigan since the fall of 1977. My husband and I raised our children and restored five Victorian homes in our historic neighborhood. We made many sacrifices to restore our homes and bring back stability to the area. Now we are members of a prosperous and diverse area. We would not want to live anywhere else. We have committed huge amounts of money and time to our city. We feel that allowing modern materials and flouting nationally established historic rules will be an infringement of our property rights, as these were the rules when we purchased and invested in our properties. A change in the rules could allow alterations and or developments that could diminish the authenticity of the architecture and the aesthetic historic charm of our neighborhoods.

I feel that this bill makes a mockery of me as a citizen. I worked to make this neighborhood what it is. How can politicians who do not even live in my historic area come up with a bill that will ruin everything I and my family have worked for.

I would be ashamed of voting for or sponsoring this bill

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